

DISPATCH		CLASSIFICATION SECRET	DISPATCH SYMBOL AND NO. EGMA 41363
TO INFO	Chief, CLS COS/G EE		HEADQUARTERS FILE NO. 201- Field File X/DURCANSKY, Ferdinand
FROM	Chief of Base, Munich		DATE 31 March 1959
SUBJECT	UPSWING/DIZTAG/Operational Trace Reply - Ferdinand DURCANSKY		RE: "43-3" - (CHECK "X" ONE) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING <input type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED
ACTION REQUIRED	See paragraph 6 below		INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ DESK ONLY
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<p>1. CIC requested traces in their unnumbered memo dated 9 January 1959, IRN 66-4-59 on</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ferdinand *DURCANSKY (201-) Born 18 December 1906</p> <p>as being of operational interest. In view of the interest that has been expressed in the past on Subject and in view of UPSWING's previous connections with Subject, it was felt that this request should be answered by dispatch so that the trace could be brought to the attention of interested Headquarters' and German Station components.</p> <p>2. In requesting traces of UPSWING on Subject, we asked for the status of their current interest in Subject, for a brief summary of his recent activities, and for any derogatory information. UPSWING supplied the following:</p> <p>a. Subject was born in 1906 and studied in Bratislava, Paris, The Hague and Vienna. He was a lawyer and professor of international law in Bratislava and was very active in Catholic Slovak youth work. Following the establishment of the Slovak Republic in 1939, he became Foreign Minister and Deputy Director of the Slovak Catholic People's party. In 1940-41 he was ousted from all political positions and activities at Hitler's instructions. In 1945 he fled to Rome and from there went to Argentina. Since 1952 he has lived in West Germany. He has actively advocated Slovak independence within a middle-European federation. As leader of the Slovak Freedom Committee he is an outspoken opponent against Communism and a reliable member of Western ideals.</p> <p>b. UPSWING has no derogatory information on Subject. From 1952 to 1958 he acted in an advisory capacity to UPSWING, supplying them with information on Czechoslovakia. He is no longer a special connection and contact with him has been broken. (FYI: Subject was never assigned a V-number).</p> <p>3. Munich Base files contain considerable biographic information on Subject, but little in addition to that supplied by UPSWING in paragraph 2 above. DURCANSKY has at times expressed anti RFE sentiments and has been accused by various refugees as being selfish and ambitious apart from being a proponent of totalitarian ideologies. FYI: EGQW 3781 dated 30 January 1953 quotes an ODENVY report which states Subject is allegedly a close friend of Ante PAVELIC, Croat chieftain, and Father Virgilio FILIPPO, former ecclesiastical aide to President PERON, and other Nazi and Fascist collaborators. He has also been described as a man without scruples, violently anti-semitic and anti-American. (The latter comments are unevaluated).</p> <p>4. At various times Subject has become of interest to MID, G-2, OSI, and A-2 and in each case the agency concerned deferred to UPSWING's prior claim on Subject's services. Since CIC has traced all the services we see no point in detailing the interest expressed by these various services. The Munich Consulate has considerable information on DURCANSKY and CIC should be urged to forward it request for information.</p>			
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5. You may wish to call CIC's attention to an article which appeared on page 2 of the 17 March 1959 issue of the Paris edition of the New York Herald Tribune concerning Subject. The article notes that DURCANSKY arrived in the United States on a visa and spoke at a meeting of the Slovak League of America which was held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York on 16 March 1959. DURCANSKY stated that he is Chairman of the Council of the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations which is a group located in Munich.

6. Should CIC desire any additional information on Subject either from us or from UPSWING, it would be appreciated if they would forward us specific questions.

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